AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended): A polarizing plate comprising:

a polarizer formed with a hydrophilic polymer film,

a first protective film laminated on at least one surface of the polarizer, and

a second protective film laminated on another surface of the polarizer,

~~wherein the polarizing plate satisfies a relationship of $0.01 \leq A/B1 \leq 0.16$ where A denotes a thickness of the polarizer and B1 denotes a thickness of the first protective film,~~

wherein the polarizing plate satisfies the relationships of $0.01 \leq A/B1 \leq 0.16$ and $0.01 \leq A/B2 \leq 0.16$ where A denotes a thickness of the polarizer and B1 and B2 denote the respective thicknesses of the protective films.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein thickness of the first protective film is at least 80μm.

4. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 3, wherein thickness of the first protective film ranges 80μm to 200μm.

5. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the first protective film is a triacetylcellulose film.

6. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the first protective film and the polarizer are attached by an adhesive.

7. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 6, wherein the adhesive is a polyvinyl alcohol-based adhesive.

8. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein an additional adhesive layer is formed on at least one surface of the polarizing plate.

9. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the polarizing plate has a dimensional change rate of not more than ±0.7 % in a longitudinal direction (MD) after being heated at 70°C for 120 hours.

10. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1 further comprising, at least one optical layer selected from a reflector, a transreflector, a retardation plate, a lambda plate, a viewing angle compensating film, and a brightness-enhanced film.

11. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 10, wherein the polarizing plate and the optical layer are laminated through an adhesive layer.

12. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 10, wherein the optical layer is a reflector.

13. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 10, wherein the optical layer is a transreflector.

14. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 10, wherein the optical layer is a retardation plate.

15. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 10, wherein the optical layer is a lambda plate.

16. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 10, wherein the optical layer is a viewing angle compensating film.

17. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 10, wherein the optical layer is a brightness-enhanced film.

18. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein, when the polarizer is heated at 80°C for 30 minutes, the shrinkage force in an absorption axis direction is at most 4.0 N/cm.

19. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 18, wherein, when the polarizer is heated at 80°C for 30 minutes, the shrinkage force in an absorption axis direction ranges 1.0 N/cm to 3.7 N/cm.

20. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the polarizer thickness is at most 25μm.

21. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the polarizer thickness ranges from 10μm to 18μm.

22. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic polymer film before being stretched is a polyvinyl alcohol-based film.

23. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 22, wherein the polyvinyl alcohol-based film thickness is at most 60μm.

24. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 22, wherein the polyvinyl alcohol has an average polymerization degree ranging from 500 to 10000, and an average saponification degree of at least 75 mol %.

25. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the polarizer is formed by dyeing, crosslinking, stretching and drying a hydrophilic polymer film.

26. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the polarizer is formed by a method comprising:

dyeing a hydrophilic polymer film before being stretched,

subjecting the film to a swelling treatment,

subjecting the film to a crosslinking treatment,

stretching the film and

drying the film,

wherein thickness of the hydrophilic polymer film before being stretched is at most 75 μm.

27. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 26, wherein the stretching of the film is conducted in water, and the crosslinking treatment is conducted with a crosslinking agent.

28. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 26, wherein the stretching of the film is conducted in a traverse direction, and subsequently in a longitudinal direction.

29. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 26, wherein the stretching of the film comprises stretching the film, relaxing stress of the film after stretching the film, and subsequently stretching the film.

30. (Original): A liquid crystal display comprising the polarizing plate according to claim 1 and a liquid crystal cell, wherein the polarizing plate is disposed on at least one surface of the liquid crystal cell.

31. (Original): The liquid crystal display according to claim 30, wherein the liquid crystal cell comprises at least one substrate selected from a glass substrate and a plastic substrate.

32. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of each of the protective films is at least 80 μm.

33. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein each of the protective films is a triacetylcellulose film.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the thicknesses of the protective films are the same.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the protective films are directly adhered to the polarizer through respective adhesive layers having a thickness of 0.02 to 0.15 μm.